

In the claims:

1. (Currently amended) A device for training cats to go on the toilet, comprising a plurality of containers each having a hollow for accommodating a material onto which a cat urinate or defecate, said containers being inserted into one another ~~so as to form an~~ and having upper horizontal surfaces extending in a same horizontal plane and forming a common horizontal upper surface on which a cat can stand or sit, said containers being removable from one another so as to expose a throughgoing opening through which a cat can urinate or defecate, said containers being removable independently from one another so as to gradually expose throughgoing openings of different cross-sectional areas.

2. (Original) A device as defined in claim 1, wherein at least some of said containers have an inner annular cross-section with an inner wall and an outer wall connected with one another by a bottom wall.

3. (Original) A device as defined in claim 2, wherein said bottom walls are provided with a plurality of throughgoing holes.

4. (Original) A device as defined in claim 2, wherein said containers are arranged so that said inner wall of one of said containers faces said outer wall of the other of said containers.

5. (Original) A device as defined in claim 1, wherein at least one of said walls of each of said containers has a transverse projection adapted to rest on at least one of said walls of a neighboring one of said containers.

6. (Original) A device as defined in claim 1; and further comprising means for holding said containers together.

Claim 7 cancelled.

8. (Original) A device as defined in claim 2, wherein one of said walls of each of said containers is shorter than the other wall of each of said containers.

9. (Original) A device as defined in claim 1; and further comprising means for supporting said containers on a toilet seat and

including a support element extending transversely outwardly of an outermost one of said containers.

Claims 10-11 cancelled.

12. (Currently amended) A device as defined in claim 11<sup>20</sup>, wherein said outermost container has a transversely extending projection arranged so that said litter box is located between said projection and said supporting element.

Claim 13 canceled.

14. (Original) A device as defined in claim 1; and further comprising an additional vessel having a peripheral wall and a bottom, forming a chamber in which said containers can be accommodated so that when a cat urinates or defecates waste is accumulated in said vessel.

15. (Original) A device as defined in claim 14, wherein said vessel has a depth which exceeds a height of said containers.

16. (Original) A device as defined in claim 14; and further comprising an insert arranged in said vessel and surrounding said containers, said insert having an inner inclined surface for falling wastes downwardly toward said containers.

17. (Original) A device as defined in claim 1; and further comprising plastic beads for filling said containers during transportation.

18. (New) A device for training cats to go on the toilet, comprising a plurality of containers each having a hollow for accommodating a material onto which a cat urinate or defecate, said containers being inserted into one another so as to form upper surface on which a cat can stand or sit, said containers being removable from one another so as to expose a throughgoing opening through which a cat can urinate or defecate, said containers being removable independently from one another so as to gradually expose throughgoing openings of different cross-sectional areas; and further comprising means for holding said container together, said means for holding said containers together including at least two throughgoing holes provided in said walls of said containers, and an elongated element extending through the throughgoing holes.

19. (New) A device for training cats to go on the toilet, comprising a plurality of containers each having a hollow for accommodating a material onto which a cat urinate or defecate, said containers being inserted into one another so as to form an upper surface on which a cat can stand or sit, said containers being removable from one another so as to expose a throughgoing opening through which a cat can urinate or defecate, said containers being removable independently from one another so as to gradually expose throughgoing openings of different cross-sectional areas; and further comprising means for supporting said containers on a toilet seat and including a support element extending transversely outwardly of an outermost one of said containers, said supporting means including a supporting element having a central opening with which it is fitted on a peripheral surface of said outermost container.

20. (New) A device for training cats to go on the toilet, comprising a plurality of containers each having a hollow for accommodating a material onto which a cat urinate or defecate, said containers being inserted into one another so as to form an upper surface on which a cat can stand or sit, said containers being removable from one another so as to expose a throughgoing opening through which a cat can urinate or defecate, said containers being removable independently from one another so as to

gradually expose throughgoing openings of different cross-sectional areas; means for supporting said containers on a toilet seat and including a support element extending transversely outwardly of an outermost one of said containers; and further comprising a litter box having an opening and having a portion located between said outermost container and said supporting element.

21. (New) A device for training cats to go on the toilet, comprising a plurality of containers each having a hollow for accommodating a material onto which a cat urinate or defecate, said containers being inserted into one another so as to form an upper surface on which a cat can stand or sit, said containers being removable from one another so as to expose a throughgoing opening through which a cat can urinate or defecate, said containers being removable independently from one another so as to gradually expose throughgoing openings of different cross-sectional areas; means for supporting said containers on a toilet seat and including a support element extending transversely outwardly of an outermost one of said containers; and further comprising an exterior element which peripherally surround an outermost one of said containers and is taller than said containers, so as to prevent a cat from urinating or defecating on said supporting means.

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